

Town of Bar Harbor Charter Commission Meeting Minutes- October 27, 2009

Attendees: Enoch Albert, Les Brewer, Dick Cough, Dick Fox, Jill Goldthwaite, Ken Smith and Jill Weber. Mike Gurtler and Dave Woodside excused.

The meeting was opened at 5pm. The minutes of the September 22, 2009 meeting were accepted as presented. The agenda for this meeting was adopted.

Regular Business:

A. Consideration of delaying the submittal date of the Final Report to allow the vote to correspond with the November 2010 gubernatorial election was discussed. It was decided that we would submit the report now in view of the number of gubernatorial candidates to be voted on in the June election. That would hopefully draw the required number of voters to the polls. If not the town council could place the Charter on the ballot for the following November election.

It was suggested and agreed that we would provide a couple of articles for the local newspapers prior to the June election; one 4-6 weeks prior to the election and another about 2 weeks prior. Jill will coordinate via email.

B. Final Report:

1. It was moved and seconded that we accept the letter from the town attorney. It was passed unanimously without discussion. We are pleased with the timely response from the attorney.
2. It was moved and seconded that we accept the cover letter as submitted. There was some discussion for clarification but no changes were deemed necessary and the motion passed unanimously.
3. It was moved and seconded that we submit the Final Report to the Town Council. There was a question if the Warrant Committee was required to review the changes to the charter prior to the June election. Dana will check to determine if this is necessary. The motion passed unanimously.

C. There were no suggestions for the next agenda for November 4; therefore there is no need for that meeting. Jill Goldthwaite thanked Dana and all the commissioners for assisting in this process and everyone thanked her for her leadership and work.

Respectfully submitted,

Enoch Albert